

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Harold G. Bittinger Farm Survey Number: G-IV-A-204

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Harold G. Bittinger Farm, with its main dwelling built *circa* 1935, documents the agricultural landscape surrounding the county seat of Oakland throughout much of the twentieth century. Agriculture was the predominant economic activity outside of Oakland in the early twentieth century. Even as mechanization began to alter many farming practices, most of the area's residents still worked the land. Twentieth-century farms in the area focused on producing milk, potatoes, hay, corn, small grains, buckwheat, oats, garden vegetables, and maple sugar.

Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. The architecture does not represent a particularly distinctive type, period, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. This resource has not yet yielded and is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report


(KCI/MSHA 1997)

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/17/98
Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable


Reviewer, NR program

Date



Harold G. Bittinger Farm
G-I V-A-204
191 Windover Lane
Oakland Vicinity
circa 1930
Private

This farm complex includes a house, a large gable-roofed frame barn with some hewn principal framing members, and several additional agricultural and domestic buildings. The farmhouse is an early twentieth-century, one-story, four-by-one-bay, gable-roofed L-plan frame dwelling with an open-sided gable-roofed front porch and a one-story, stone-faced, gable-roofed side addition. The house is built on a concrete foundation and sheathed in aluminum siding. It is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof from which two side-by-side interior brick chimneys rise at the ridge line. Windows are a mixture of single, paired, and triple one-over-one, three-over-one, and two-over-two, double-hung sash finished with aluminum surrounds. Most of the door openings contain wood and glass doors finished with aluminum surrounds. The house faces southeast and occupies an open, sloping site about three-quarters of a mile southwest of Oakland.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Harold G. Bittinger Farm

2. Location

street & number 191 Windover Lane _____ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Harold G. Bittinger Farm

street & number 191 Windover Lane telephone (301) 334-4213

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 78-13-83

city, town Oakland liber and folio 419/173

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
			Contributing Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<u>X</u> agriculture	<u>9</u> <u>1</u> buildings
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>1</u> <u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<u>X</u> domestic	<u>0</u> <u>1</u> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>10</u> <u>2</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This farm complex includes a farmhouse, a large gable-roofed frame barn with some hewn principal framing members, and several additional agricultural and domestic buildings. The farmhouse is an early twentieth-century, one-story, four-by-one-bay, gable-roofed L-plan frame dwelling with an open-sided gable-roofed front porch and a one-story, stone-faced, gable-roofed side addition. The house faces southeast and occupies an open, sloping site about three-quarters of a mile southwest of Oakland.

The house is built on a foundation that is a mixture of poured concrete and concrete block. The foundation appears to enclose a full cellar. The walls are clad in gray aluminum siding with white trim, and the building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with an aluminum eave. The addition that extends from the southwest gable is faced with stone, as is the base of the front porch. Two side-by-side interior corbeled brick chimneys rise from the roof at the ridge line.

Windows are a mixture of single, paired, and triple one-over-one, three-over-one, and two-over-two, double-hung sash.

Several three-light fixed sash windows pierce the front porch at cellar level. All window openings are finished with aluminum surrounds. The front entrance is more or less centered on the southeast elevation. It contains a paneled wooden half-glass door. The cellar door is located on the same elevation and consists of a solid wooden door pierced by a single glass pane on top. Two other entrances lead into the northeast and southwest sides of the rear addition. All door openings are finished with aluminum surrounds.

The open-sided front porch consists of a stone-faced foundation, four-by-four wooden posts, a concrete deck, an aluminum ceiling, and an asphalt-shingled gable roof. The porch gable is clad in aluminum siding to match the rest of the house. Concrete steps bordered by a stone-faced railing lead from the yard up to the level of the porch deck.

Several outbuildings stand on the property. A one-story gable-roofed cinderblock shed topped with an asphalt-shingled roof stands just to the south of the main house. This building is accessed by a five-panel wooden door and lit by six-light fixed sash windows; all door and window openings are finished with wooden surrounds. A one-story gable-roofed frame dwelling stands just behind and to the west of the main house. This building is constructed on a concrete block foundation, sheathed in asbestos shingles, and topped with an asphalt-shingled roof. An exterior metal stovepipe exits from the building through the foundation. A paneled wooden door provides access to the interior. Windows are mostly two-over-two, double-hung sash. A shed-roofed frame shed stands to the south. This shed stands on a concrete block foundation; it is clad in a mixture of vertical wooden boards and corrugated metal on one long wall. The building is pierced by sliding wood and metal garage doors and several two-light sash windows. A two-story gable-roofed concrete block garage is located south of the house. This building is topped with a corrugated metal roof finished with exposed rafter feet; the tops of the gables are clad in board-and-batten siding. Two sliding wooden garage doors open into the northeast gable of this building, and several two-light fixed sash windows light the interior. A vertical board door at second-floor level opens into the southeast elevation; a metal stovepipe exits from the center of the building near the ridge line. A long and narrow one-story frame wooden-floored corncrib topped with a corrugated metal roof stands just south of the garage. This building rests on concrete block piers and is sheathed in open wooden slats for ventilation. A one-story frame shed stands behind the corn crib to the southwest. Constructed on brick piers, this building is clad in wooden shingles and topped with a rolled asphalt shed roof. Several six-over-six, double-hung wooden sash windows light the interior. A ruinous bow-roofed, gable-fronted frame shed or chicken coop stands behind the corn crib and the first shed. This building rests on stone piers; it is clad and roofed in rolled asphalt. A wooden door pierces one gable. The building is finished on the interior with a wooden floor. A long gable-roofed frame barn with a full-length concrete-block shed roofed addition on its southern elevation stands south of this cluster of smaller buildings. This barn is sheathed with vertical wooden boards and topped with a rolled asphalt roof. A large set of swinging wooden doors opens into the long northern elevation, and a one-story gable-roofed concrete block addition projects from the southwest corner. The principal framing members consist of mixture of hewn and sawn timbers.

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A concrete silo with a domed metal roof and metal turnbuckles stands to the northeast; a concrete walkway links the silo to the barn. Adjacent to the silo and the southeast corner of the barn stands a concrete block gable-fronted dairy. This building is topped with a gable roof and lit by two-over-two, double-hung sash windows. Horizontal wooden boards sheath the upper parts of the gable walls. An open covered porch supported on four-by-four wooden posts extends from one gable.

A stand of large coniferous trees wraps around the east, north, and west sides of the main house. A long curving driveway which runs along the south side of the house leads from the farm complex to Windover Lane. A wire fence parallels the south side of the driveway and extends around the east and south sides of the barn. A tractor shed and pond stand northeast of the house. Although the house is presently occupied and in good condition, changes to the original walling and fenestration have compromised its integrity.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
Specific dates	1930	Builder/Architect	Unknown	

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period A.D. 1930- Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling and Agricultural Buildings

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 71.52 acres
Acreage surveyed 71.52 acres
Quadrangle name Oakland, MD - WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 83, Map 78, Grid 13

11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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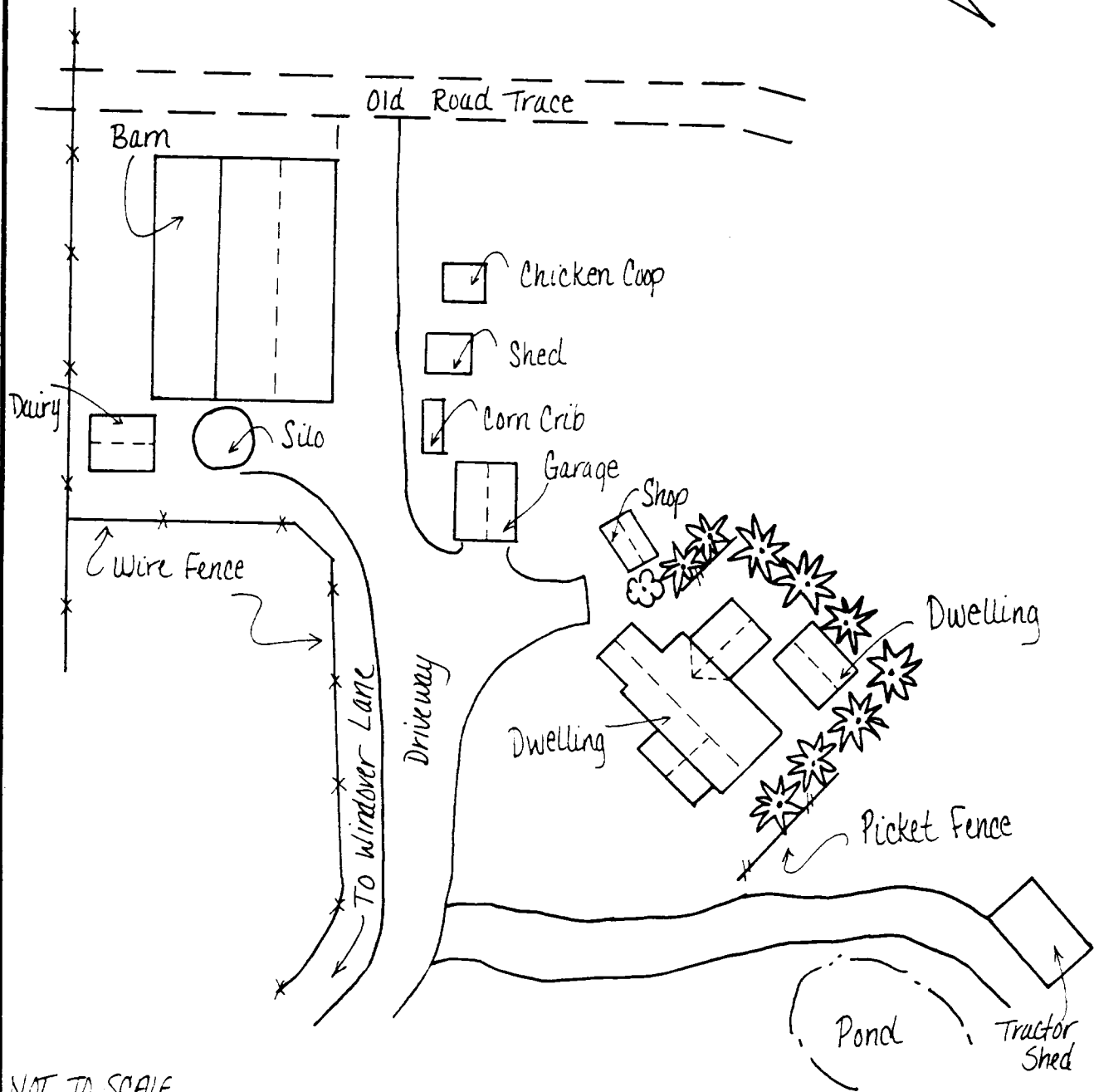
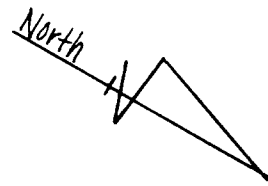
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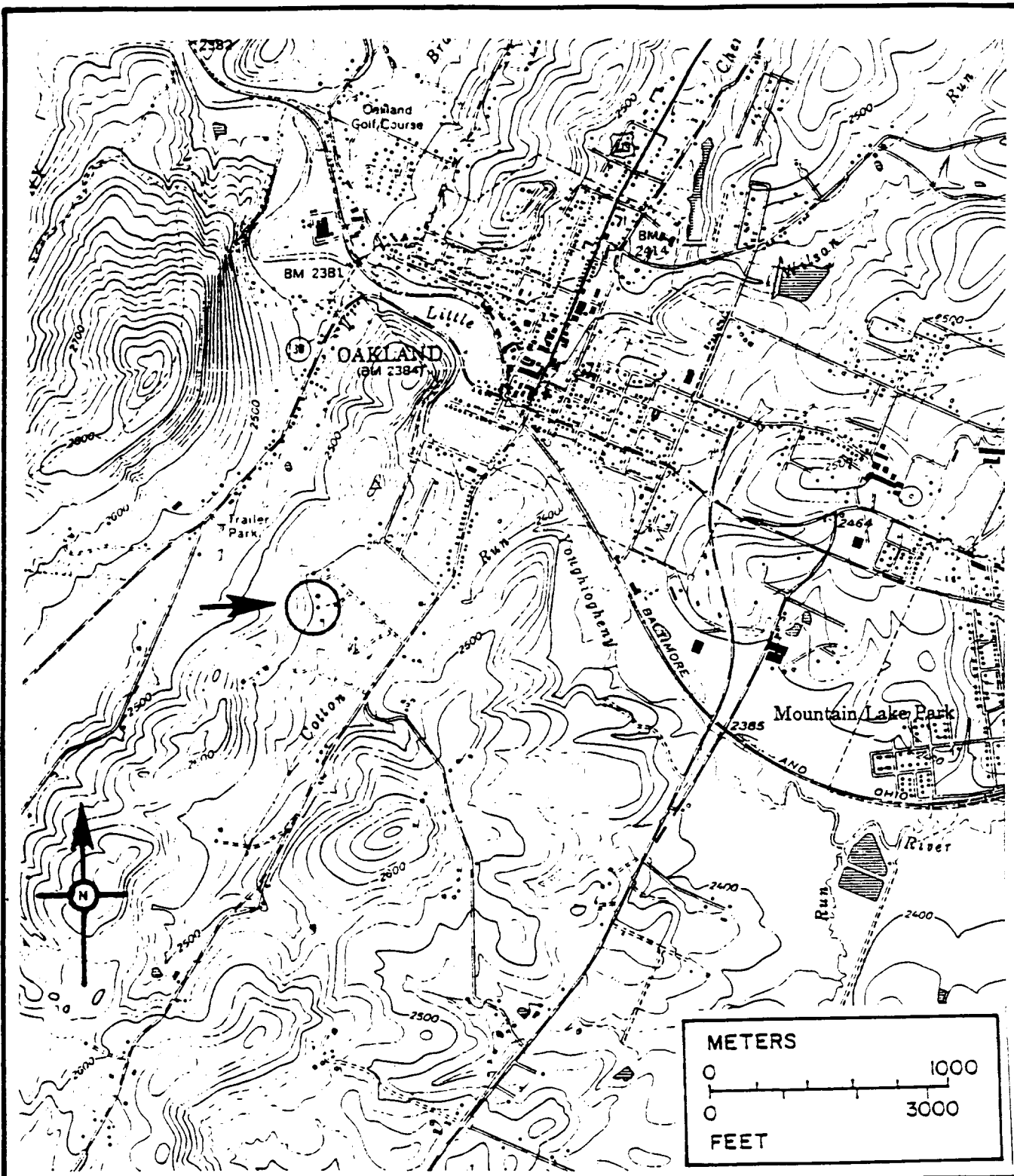


NOT TO SCALE



Resource Sketch Map

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Harold G. Bittinger Farm
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



Location Map



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 Harold G. Bittinger Farm
 Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County
 Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)



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MD SHPD

SW + SE ELEVATIONS FACING N SHED

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SW + SE ELEVATIONS FACING N

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NW + SW ELEVATIONS FACING E BARN

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MIN SHPO
WW+SW ELEVATIONS FACING E OUTBUILDINGS

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SE+NE ELEVATIONS FACING W

DAIRY/BARN/CORN CRIB/SHED

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STUART DIXON

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MD SHPO

SE ELEVATIONS FACING N 2 SHEDS + HOUSE

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